

# NEBRASKA OES NEWS

*“Let There Be Light”*

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## *Jottings from Jan*

If you have a preference as to your copy of the 2011 Proceedings being in book form or as a CD, please let us know.

A new “Grand Officers and Standing Committees” booklet will be available soon—a handy reference of contact information for those serving our Grand Chapter. If you’d like your own personal copy, call the office (402-727-8644).

Don’t forget you can download Newsletters in color and find lots of information on our Web-site: <http://neoes.org>

Annual 5-State Gathering in Kansas on August 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a weekend for all members of the order and not just the Grand Officers. You can make new friends, reconnect with old friends and have a great weekend with no meetings and no formal attire. Please see the attached forms. The “Amazing 5-state will include members from Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and South Dakota. Let’s all meet in Overland park at the Marriott Hotel.



Come to the area visitations and learn more about research for Heart Association and Breast Cancer.

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER PROJECTS

**Jan Thoman, G.G.C. Membership Committee:** The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron once again have membership and the Rob Morris Membership Jewel as one of their projects. The secretaries can go back through their records to “2006” and help add up the points for their members. The forms can be downloaded from our website [neoes.org](http://neoes.org) and click on forms. You can also call the Grand Chapter office and we can send you a form

**Jill Ramsey: G.G.C. OES Journal Committee:** This would be a great time to subscribe to the Journal so that your Chapter does not miss the next issue. The Subscription form can be downloaded from our website, [neoes.org](http://neoes.org). Chapters and members, please continue to send us your articles for the Journal. Let’s make sure Nebraska is represented in every issue. It’s a great bargain and a nice inexpensive gift to give a new initiate, new Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron, or any member!!

**Betty Kirby, G.G.C. Service Dog Committee:** Thanks to those Chapters that have already planned a Chapter project for the benefit of the Most Worthy Grand Matron’s Special Service Dog project. All funds raised will stay in the state of Nebraska. If your Chapter has had a project please be sure to report the details to Sister Betty as soon as possible so that she can make her report to the General Grand Chapter. You may send your reports to her at [kj14803@windstream.net](mailto:kj14803@windstream.net). If you have not purchased your “Scarves for Dog-lovers” they will be sold on the sales table at visitations.

**General Grand Chapter pins:** The General Grand Chapter pin for this Triennium will be for sale at the sales table at the Area Visitations. Only one GGC pin is being sold this triennium at a cost of \$10. All proceeds will stay in Nebraska to be used in projects designated by the Triennium Worthy Grand Matrons.

**John Kirby (153) Chairman**

## **Membership Committee – Robyn Throckmorton**

Greetings from your Grand Chapter Membership Committee. Many of you picked up your Chapter’s copy of the New Member Handbook template while attending Grand Chapter. For those Chapters which didn’t, yours will be brought to you at your Grand Visitation. The New Member Handbook is a tool we hope you will find usefully. It provides a great deal of information for your new members and provides a handy way for them to keep track of all their OES info. The first pages are general information. If you’d like this information in electronic form, please contact Robyn Throckmorton at [robynkt@gmail.com](mailto:robynkt@gmail.com). The rest of the pages are samples of what you could provide: ode card, officer list, officer/member roster, calendar of events; whatever you’d like to include for your new members.

The real value comes from having a member or two sit down with the new member to go over the information. This will give them a way to ask questions and help them to build their relationships with their new sisters and brothers.

For those chapters who had new members initiated at Grand Chapter, they all received a copy of the New Member Handbook. We encourage you to reach out to them, give them your chapter information, and meet with them to answer any questions.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Membership Committee, we’d love to hear from you

## Enclosed with this OES News\_\_\_\_\_

- ❖ Letter from the WGM and WGP concerning their plans for the 2011-2012 year (Secretaries, please read it to your Chapter!)
- ❖ List of 2011-2012 Grand Officers and Companions
- ❖ Information concerning Annual 5-State Gathering in Kansas
- ❖ Letter from Sister Rennie Ofton, Most Worthy Grand Matron

Thank You to everyone that participated in the Silent Auction and sales at Grand Chapter to benefit ESTARL endowment. It was a huge success and thanks to Sister Margaret McCall for her tireless work and thanks to those that donated baskets and those that bought the items. It was fun to see all of the very creative baskets. The Nebraska members of The Order of the Eastern Star can be very proud of their charitable giving.

*“A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle”*

*Please read the letter from our Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Rennie Ofton regarding Plural Installations or Installations for more than One set of Subordinate Chapter Officers.*



### THE OES “LIGHT” CALENDAR

**Notice:** We are encouraging you to send a calendar of your Chapter’s events to Gwen Hurst-Anderson: [pengwensrule@gmail.com](mailto:pengwensrule@gmail.com). She will see that your events will be included on the web-site’s Masonic Calendar. That calendar can be viewed by all members of our Masonic Family, so will provide more visibility for your Chapter’s events that this newsletter. We hope you will take advantage of that calendar. It’s easy, just email Gwen with the date, time, location, cost etc.!

May 31-4 .....Masonic All-Star Marching Band Camp in Lincoln

June 4 ..... Shrine Bowl

June 10-12 .... Nebraska Grand Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Crete

June 22-25 .... Nebraska Grand Session, Job’s Daughters International, Kearney

July 15-17 .....DeMolay For Boys Conclave in Lincoln

August 5-7.....5 State Gathering in Overland Park, Kansas

August 12-14. Triennial Pilgrimage to the International Peace Garden

August 14 ..... 4-H Achievement Day at the Children’s Home in Fremont

Sept. 16-17.... Nebraska/Kansas Exchange in McCook and Atwood

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We are here to help you in any way we can!**